



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Food and
Nutrition
Service

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Dear State Director:

You are invited to compete for a 2006 Team Nutrition (TN) Training Grant. For fiscal year 2006, the Team Nutrition (TN) Training Grants are authorized at \$4 million in funding by P.L. 109-97. This fiscal year, FNS will fund two separate types of grants:

- (1) **Application A:** Up to \$2 million will be used to fund the traditional State TN Training Grants and the funding period will be for two years, September 30, 2006 – September 30, 2008. The maximum amount of funding awarded to an individual State will be \$200,000. State agencies that administer the National School Lunch /School Breakfast Programs and/or Child and Adult Care Food Program are eligible to apply under Application A. Funding criteria for the traditional State TN Grants are addressed in the *Application A* packet.

Depending on whether States target school and/or child and adult care programs, proposals submitted under Application A will provide States with an opportunity to address areas such as:

- Provide training and technical assistance on the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the MyPyramid and/or MyPyramid for Kids.
- Provide training and technical assistance in areas such as food preparation, nutrition education, knowledge and skills for feeding young children in child care settings.
- Provide training and technical assistance to assist elementary schools to take the HealthierUS School Challenge.
- Develop strategies for parents, teachers, school administrators, care givers, children, foodservice professionals, and community volunteers to serve as role models in practicing healthy eating and being physically active - in schools, at child care facilities and at home.

The Application A cannot be used to address the development, implementation, or measurement of local wellness policies.

- (2) **Application B:** Up to \$2 million will be used to fund the Team Nutrition Local Wellness Demonstration Projects. State agencies that receive this award will enter into a cooperative agreement with FNS for a period of three years, September 30, 2006 – September 30, 2009. The maximum amount of funding awarded to an individual State is up to \$500,000. Because the local wellness policy pertains only to schools, State agencies that administer the National School Lunch /School Breakfast Programs are eligible to apply. FNS will be actively involved through an FNS/State cooperative agreement and will oversee the Demonstration Projects throughout the project period. Funding criteria for the Demonstration Projects is addressed in the *Application B* packet.

The TN Local Wellness Demonstration Projects will provide States with the opportunity to do all of the following:

- Assess local wellness policy activities in individual districts or local educational agencies (LEA);
- Document the processes used by LEAs to develop, implement, and measure the implementation of a local wellness policy;
- Assess the level and types of technical assistance necessary at the State level;
- Document any school environmental changes; and
- Assist FNS in the development of a Team Nutrition technical assistance guide intended to assist other States and local educational agencies in implementing and measuring implementation of local wellness policies.

It will also allow FNS, at the conclusion of this project, to assess how well local wellness policies are being implemented at the local level and what types of technical assistance and resources may be needed at the Federal level.

States may apply for both Applications A and B, but only one award per State agency will be made by FNS. Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

Critical Dates for the 2006 TNT Grants (Applications A and B)

April 3, 2006	Intent to Submit an Application is due to FNS
May 11, 2006	Applications are due to FNS by 5:00 pm Eastern Time
September 2006	TN Training Grants Awards will be announced
September 30, 2006	TN Training Grants will be awarded

All grant applications (A and B) must be **received** by FNS on or before **May 11, 2006, 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time**. Applications must be mailed directly to FNS at the address noted in the attached Request for Application (RFA), or submitted electronically by accessing www.grants.gov. Applications submitted via e-mail or fax **will not** be accepted. If applicants choose to apply online through www.grants.gov, there are a number of steps in the registration process that will be required before applications can be submitted electronically. Please note that all applications (electronically or mail submission) must include the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (10.574), and the State's Data Universal Number (DUNS). Applicants submitting their proposal through www.grants.gov will also be required to obtain a Contract Registry Number (CCR). We urge you to visit the www.grants.gov web page well in advance of the due date and click on the "Getting Started" tab to get a thorough understanding of the steps you will need to follow to use this means of applying for a TN Training Grant.

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Regardless of the delivery method you choose, please do so sufficiently in advance of the due date to ensure your application package is received on or before the deadline.

Late applications will not be considered in the competition. Furthermore, we will not consider additions or revisions to applications once they are received.

Please carefully review the application package(s). If there are any questions regarding this solicitation, please contact Suzanne Pastura of the Grants Management Division via email at Suzanne.pastura@fns.usda.gov .

Sincerely,

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